

What is claimed:

1. A composition having a low Volatile Organic Compounds level comprises 100 parts by weight of a selectively hydrogenated block copolymer composition dissolved in a mixture of one or more hydrocarbon solvents and one or more VOC-exempt solvents, wherein:
  - a. said selected hydrogenated block copolymer composition comprises about 20 to about 40 weight percent of a triblock copolymer having the general configuration  $(A^1-B^1)_2X$  or  $A^2-B^2-A^3$  where X is the residue of a coupling agent and about 80 to about 60 weight percent of a diblock copolymer having the general configuration  $A^1-B^1$  or  $A^4-B^3$  wherein:
    - i. prior to hydrogenation the  $A^1$ ,  $A^2$ ,  $A^3$  and  $A^4$  blocks are styrene homopolymer blocks and the  $B^1$ ,  $B^2$  and  $B^3$  blocks are 1,3-butadiene homopolymer blocks where about 30 to about 60 mol percent of the condensed butadiene units in the B blocks have 1,2-configuration,
    - ii. subsequent to hydrogenation about 0 to 10% of the styrene double bonds have been reduced and at least 90% of the butadiene double bonds have been reduced,
    - iii. each  $A^1$ ,  $A^2$ ,  $A^3$  and  $A^4$  blocks have a number average molecular weight of about 5,000 to about 10,000, and
    - iv. the total amount of styrene in the hydrogenated block copolymer composition is 41% by weight to about 50% by weight, and
  - b. the weight ratio of VOC-exempt solvents to hydrocarbon solvent is about 35:65 to about 65:35.
2. The composition of Claim 1 further comprising about 25 to about 150 parts by weight of a midblock compatible tackifying resin.
3. The composition of Claim 2 further comprising about 25 to about 150 parts by

2 weight of a filler or pigment.

1 4. The composition of Claim 3 wherein said hydrocarbon solvent is selected from  
2 the group consisting of hexane, heptane, toluene and xylene.

1 5. The composition of Claim 4 wherein said VOC exempt solvent is selected from  
2 the group consisting of acetone, p-chlorobenzotrifluoride and t-butyl acetate.

1 6. The composition of Claim 5 wherein said hydrocarbon solvent is heptane and said  
2 VOC exempt solvent is t-butyl acetate, where the amount of heptane is about 75  
3 to about 125 parts by weight and the amount of t-butyl acetate is about 75 to about  
4 125 parts by weight.

1 7. The composition of Claim 6 wherein the weight ratio of heptane to t-butyl acetate  
2 is about 50:50.

1 8. The composition of Claim 7 wherein said tackifying resin is a mixture of a  
2 hydrogenated C5 midblock resin and a hydrogenated C9 midblock resin.

1 9. The composition of Claim 8 wherein said pigment is titanium dioxide.

1 10. The composition of Claim 9 wherein the relative amounts of solvent, tackifying  
2 resin and pigment are adjusted to obtain a solvent based, elastomeric coating  
3 having a VOC content of no more than 250 grams per liter and a viscosity no  
4 higher than 2,000 centipoise @ 25° C as measured according to ASTM D2196.

1 11. The composition of Claim 10 wherein the amount of hydrogenated C5 resin is  
2 about 67 parts by weight, the amount of hydrogenated C9 resin is about 55 parts  
3 by weight, the amount of titanium dioxide is about 100 parts by weight, the  
4 amount of heptane is about 99 parts by weight, the amount of t-butyl acetate is  
5 about 99 parts by weight, and also comprising about 2 parts by weight of an  
6 hindered phenol type antioxidant.